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SUBJECT: GOP ANNOUNCES REFERENDUM RESULTS AS MINDANAO NEGOTIATIONS

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1. GOP ANNOUNCED OFFICIAL RESULTS OF REFERENDUM-PLEBISCITE
APRIL 23. AS ANTICIPATED, VOTE WAS MORE THAN 90 PERCENT
AGAINST MERGER OF REGIONS IX-XII, AGAINST LINKING OF THREE
ADDITIONAL PROVINCES TO UNIFIED REGION, AND AGAINST MNLF-
DOMINATED AUTONOMY. COMELEC CHAIRMAN PEREZ ANNOUNCED THAT
3,019,140 OUT OF 4,025,520 REGISTERED VOTERS PARTICIPATED,
OR ROUGHLY 75 PERCENT. COMMENT: FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHO
OBSERVED POLLING TEND TO THINK TOUNOUT WAS CLOSER TO 50
PERCENT. WHETHER OR NOT MOST MUSLIMS OBEYED MNLF
CALL TO BOYCOTT--AND THIS IS OPEN TO QUESTION--THEY
WOULD HAVE BEEN DISADVANTAGED BY FACT THAT THEY TEND TO
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INHABIT MORE REMOTE AREAS AT GREATER DISTANCE FROM
POLLING POINTS. FACT THAT "YES" VOTE WAS SUBSTANTIALLY
HIGHER IN REGION IX, WHERE MNLF INFLUENCE GREATEST,
SUGGESTS THAT TABULATION WAS RELATIVELY HONEST. ACCEPT-
ING FACT THAT QUESTIONS AS PHRASED WERE TENDENTIOUS, RESULTS
PROBABLY ARE ACCURATE REFLECTION OF MAJORITY (CHRISTAIN)
SENTIMENT IN THIRTEEN PROVINCES. END COMMENT.

2. IN CONTRAST TO HEAVY PUBLICITY GIVEN REFERENDUM RESULTS, MANILA PRESS HAS IGNORED LATEST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE-MNLF WHICH BEGAN HERE APRIL 22. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN NEWSMEN, MNLF REPS HAVE TAKEN TOUGH LINE THAT REFERENDUM ILLEGAL AND NOT PROVIDED FOR BY QADHAFI-MARCOS "FORMULA". ROMULO TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 23 THAT INITIAL NEGOTIATIONS WENT BADLY AND THAT AL TREKKI HAD QUARRELED WITH BARBERO AT OPENING SESSION, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY ENRILE IS NOW RADIATING UNPRECEDENTED OPTIMISM. (SEPTTEL).
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